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1. About 2,000 workers are employed in the three yards of the VW Claus Engelbrecht Yachtwerft, VEB, Berlin-Köpenick. The fire department and work guard together amounts to 140 people, part of whom are policemen armed with 90 pistols. The shipyard has been greatly enlarged since 1945, at which time about 500 workers were employed there. At present, a new administration building is under construction, and, according to plans, the shipyard grounds are to be enlarged. A new sawmill is likewise to be procured.
2. Up to 26 February 1952, Shipyard A of Yachtwerft Köpenick built 12 so-called "Seekritter", which correspond to the minesweepers of the former German Navy. They are to be delivered to the Seepolizei (Sea Police). Twelve of these boats have also been constructed at Peenemünde. They are transported to Wolgast and are armed and equipped there with 2 cm. and 3.7 cm. guns and radio and radar sets.

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The boats have a cruising speed of 20 knots per hour and a top speed of between 27 and 33 knots per hour. They have to put into port when wind velocity is above 6.

3. In early 1952, Shipyard A received orders for 70 assault boats (similar to those formerly used by the German Navy), 16 harbor police motor launches with cabins, 10 police "panzerboote" without closed cabins, and 2 customs launches 22 meters long without reinforced decks.
4. At Shipyard A, there is a shortage of plate. This plate is supposed to be furnished by Hiesa. Also in short supply are non-ferrous metals, screws and ships' screws which were formerly obtained from the West. Because of these shortages, about 200 workers are supposed to be laid off.
5. At Yard B of the Yachtwerft Köpenick, about one fishing cutter a week is produced for reparations. Up to April 1952, 165 such cutters had been constructed. The cutters are similar to the former German KFV's which, when armed with 2 cm. and 3.7 cm. guns, serve as scouting boats and minesweepers. The boats are taken over at Wolgast by Russian crews and sent to the USSR.

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6. The 2 mm. iron plates delivered to the yards are frequently as much as 0.5 mm. off in thickness. About 20 percent of the carwre which have been delivered have no slots. The paints which are being used have a resin base and dry in warm weather in about 10 hours.
7. Some time ago, the shipyard in Damgarten was dismantled and transformed into a Russian airfield. The shipyard at Peenemunde is at present repairing the HAPAG liner, BERLIN, which is supposed to go to the Russians as reparations.

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